



KENTUCKY BOARD OF EDUCATION

FEBRUARY BOARD NOTES

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COMMENTS FROM JOE BROTHERS, KENTUCKY BOARD OF EDUCATION CHAIR



At the time of the writing of this newsletter, we know that the General Assembly passed a budget package that is fiscally sound and will have positive effects on Kentucky's most important resource – its children. We owe a heartfelt “thank you” to Governor Steve Beshear, the House and Senate leadership teams, and members of the General Assembly for their hard work, lengthy discussions and collaboration that led to the enactment of this legislation.

Please join the Kentucky Board of Education in taking time to express your appreciation to your legislators for holding the SEEK formula harmless and minimizing the cuts to P-12 education. We salute their perseverance and dedication to the fiscal, educational and physical health of the Commonwealth.



MEET C.B. AKINS AND JEANNE FERGUSON, KENTUCKY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

C.B. Akins, Sr. was born in Tennessee and raised in southern Illinois. He served in the U.S. Air Force as an interpreter and an instructor and has studied eight languages. C.B. received his bachelor's degree from the University of Kentucky and his Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees from Lexington Theological Seminary. He is author of "From Burden to Blessings" and has served as senior pastor of First Baptist Church Bracktown in Lexington since 1983. He serves on the Midway College Board of Trustees, board of directors of Commerce Lexington, Fayette Education Foundation, First Bracktown, Inc. and as the Chairman of the Trustees at Simmons College of Kentucky. He and his wife, Roszalyn, have four children and four grandchildren.



Jeanne H. Ferguson of Louisville is an adjunct professor at Jefferson Community College, from which she retired as a full professor. She began her college teaching career at the University of Kentucky. She served as the coordinator of the Speech Communication Program at Jefferson Community College and coauthored a text entitled "You're Speaking, Who's Listening." Jeanne has taught courses at Bellarmine University and Spalding University. She serves on the boards of STAR (Systematic Treatment for Autistic Related Disorders) and the Association of the Louisville Orchestra. Jeanne has a bachelor's degree from Ursuline College and a master's in communication from the University of Kentucky. Jeanne and her husband, David, have one daughter, Virginia Ferguson Cheatham.



BOARD ENDORSES POSITION PAPER ON ASSESSMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Interim Commissioner Elaine Farris shared the final version of a position paper titled "The Next Era in Kentucky Educational Progress" with the state board. It was composed by Kentucky Department of Education staff and had been previously reviewed by individual board members with an opportunity to provide feedback.

Farris noted that the paper outlines the state's plan and vision for the next generation of assessment and accountability. She summarized the five key principles that guided the development of the position paper as:

1. Development of standards must happen before the selection or creation of the assessment.
2. The annual state assessment system must provide diagnostic, longitudinal growth data and overall proficiency levels at the individual student level.
3. The annual state assessment must measure both the knowledge and higher-level thinking required by the standards.

4. The annual state assessment should be built to support interim and classroom assessments.
5. Accountability is necessary for ongoing educational improvement.

Interim Commissioner Farris indicated that the document had also been reviewed by and includes input from numerous education stakeholders and that it had been delivered to all legislators.

Although each member had given his/her individual support of the paper, a unanimous vote was taken to endorse the document as the framework upon which Kentucky's student, school and district assessment and accountability system can be designed.

For more information on the position paper, contact Ken Draut at (502) 564-2256 or via email at Ken.Draut@education.ky.gov.

STATE BOARD APPROVES WAIVER OF MARCH 1 SCHOOL COUNCIL ALLOCATION DATE FOR 2009

At its February meeting, the Kentucky Board of Education approved a waiver of the March 1 school council allocation date for 2009 and set the deadline as May 1. The Kentucky Department of Education made this waiver request on behalf of all districts in order to provide more flexibility during these times of financial uncertainty. Thus, districts can choose to make the allocation of funds to councils any time between March 1 and May 1 with May 1 being the final date by which this action must occur.

For more information on this agenda item, contact Larry Stinson at (502) 564-5130 or via email at Larry.Stinson@education.ky.gov.

BOARD HEARS REPORT ON HARVARD EXECUTIVE EDUCATION LEADERSHIP PROJECT

The superintendents from four districts (Jefferson, Boone, Kenton and Daviess Counties) appeared before the state board in February to share their experiences as part of the Harvard Executive Education Leadership Project (ExEL). Shelley Berman, Randy Poe, Tim Hanner and Tom Shelton each shared the impact of this project on their districts and the learnings gleaned from their participation in the project.

In 2006, Kentucky was selected by the Wallace Foundation as one of four states to participate in ExEL. A state level and four Harvard-selected district teams of eight members were chosen to learn how to improve student achievement by using a coherent framework. The framework is designed to help leaders effectively: a) identify problems, b) create theories of action, c) develop and implement strategies and d) manage and evaluate district and school level performance. ExEL focuses on four key standards of development: system development, leadership development, team development and instructional focus.

As a result of this work, the Kentucky Department of Education's plan of action is to:

1. By April 2009, produce a package of resources that accompany one classroom video clip from the content areas of math, science, English/language arts, and social studies that supports a framework for high quality instruction.
2. By Spring 2009, have a plan for intra- and inter-office ongoing collaboration.
3. By Spring 2009, have created structures and protocols for sharing and scaling up the ExEl work across the state.
4. By August 2009, have developed a functioning Professional Learning Resource Portal.

For more information on this project, contact Sally Sugg at (502) 564-2116 or via email at Sally.Sugg@education.ky.gov.

BOARD HONORS DR. JON E. DRAUD

As a way to honor outgoing Commissioner Jon E. Draud, the Kentucky Board of Education approved the following resolution and presented a framed, signed copy to him at the February meeting:

Resolution Honoring Commissioner Jon E. Draud
By
The Kentucky Board of Education
Commonwealth of Kentucky

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| <i>Whereas,</i> | The Kentucky Board of Education's vision is "Every Child-- Proficient and Prepared for Success"; |
| <i>Whereas,</i> | Jon E. Draud has served with distinction as Kentucky's commissioner of education since November 2007; |
| <i>Whereas,</i> | Jon E. Draud brought the unique combination of experience as an educator, educational administrator and legislator to the position of commissioner to help improve public education; |
| <i>Whereas,</i> | Jon E. Draud worked tirelessly across political lines to pursue programs and ideas that were aimed at what is best for students; |
| <i>Whereas,</i> | Jon E. Draud encouraged communities to get behind public education through holding local education summits and formed a statewide task force whose work could potentially lead to an improved assessment and accountability system; |
| <i>Whereas,</i> | Jon E. Draud is retiring from the position of commissioner of education effective January 31, 2009; |

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Kentucky Board of Education to honor and thank Jon E. Draud for an outstanding career dedicated to educational improvement and for his outstanding service to the students of this Commonwealth.

**Done in the city of Frankfort, this
eleventh day of February, in the year Two
Thousand and Nine.**

Dr. Draud was also presented with mementos from board members and the Department's leadership team as well as having a luncheon held in his honor.

For more information on these activities, contact Mary Ann Miller at (502) 564-3141 or via email at MaryAnn.Miller@education.ky.gov.

OTHER ITEMS APPROVED AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING WERE:

- Minutes from the December 10-11, 2008 and January 7, 2009, special meeting
- Razing of old Lee Hall and declaring two additional parcels as surplus property
- District facility plans for Fayette, Lincoln, Mercer, Muhlenberg and Powell Counties and Walton Verona Independent
- 2008-09 Local district tax rates levied
- Revisions to the following Nutrition and Health Services regulations:
 - 702 KAR 6:010, Local Responsibilities (Final);
 - 702 KAR 6:020, District director (Final);
 - 702 KAR 6:031, Repeal of 702 KAR 6:030, Principal's responsibilities (Final);
 - 702 KAR 6:040, Personnel; policies and procedures (Final);
 - 702 KAR 6:045, Personnel; food service employee qualifications (Final);
 - 702 KAR 6:075, Reports and funds (Final)
 - 702 KAR 6:090, Minimum nutritional standards for foods and beverages available on public school campuses during the school day; required nutrition and physical activity reports (Final)
- Rescind declaration of emergency for the Covington Independent School District
- 702 KAR 4:160, Capital Construction Process (Final)
- 702 KAR 7:065, Designation of Agent to Manage High School Interscholastic Athletics (Final)
- Performance Audit of State Assessment Testing Costs
- Deferral of HB255 on dropout until the next legislative session

OTHER ITEMS REVIEWED AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING WITH NO ACTION TAKEN WERE:

- Hearing Officer's Report
- Reports from Covington Independent and Union County on the status of their school and district support plans
- Energy Savings/Green Schools in Kentucky
- 702 KAR 7:065 Annual reporting requirements of KHSAA

- School district watch list
- Update from partners regarding adolescent literacy plan for Kentucky
- 2009 elementary and secondary legislation
- 2010-2012 Biennial budget process and status of FY09 funding reduction
- KDE Employment Report
- Criteria for next commissioner
- Meeting to interview potential search firms to conduct the commissioner's search on March 5 at the Galt House in Louisville, Kentucky

BOARD MEETING DATES FOR 2009 AND 2010

KBE Meeting Dates 2009

<u>2009</u>	<u>Type of Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
March 4-5, 2009	Regular meeting	Louisville – Visit Kentucky School for the Blind and interview of search firms to conduct commissioner's search
April 1-2, 2009	Regular meeting	Frankfort
May 12-13, 2009	KBE retreat/strategic plan discussion	Frankfort
June 10-11, 2009	Regular meeting	Frankfort
August 5-6, 2009	Regular meeting	Frankfort
September 9, 2009	Regular meeting	Kentucky Dam Village State Park, Gilbertsville
October 7-8, 2009	Regular meeting	Frankfort
December 9-10, 2009	Regular meeting	Frankfort

KBE Meeting Dates 2010

<u>2010</u>	<u>Type of Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
February 3-4, 2010	Regular meeting	Frankfort
March 3, 2010	Regular meeting	General Butler State Park, Carrollton
March 31-April 1, 2010	Regular meeting	Frankfort
May 18-19, 2010	KBE retreat/strategic plan discussion	Frankfort
June 9-10, 2010	Regular meeting	Frankfort
August 4-5, 2010	Regular meeting	Frankfort
September 15, 2010	Regular meeting	Available hotel, Ashland
October 6-7, 2010	Regular meeting	Frankfort
December 8-9, 2010	Regular meeting	Frankfort

For more information on the Board's schedule, contact Mary Ann Miller or Susan Palmer at (502) 564-3141 or via email at MaryAnn.Miller@education.ky.gov or Susan.Palmer@education.ky.gov.

The actions described above were taken in open session of the Kentucky Board of Education at the February 10-11, 2009, regular meeting conducted in the State Board Room, Capital Plaza Tower, 1st Floor, Frankfort, Kentucky. This information is provided in summary form, and an official record of the meeting is available on tape in the permanent records of the Kentucky Board of Education, First Floor, Capital Plaza Tower, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. These records are open for inspection Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

For additional information about the Kentucky Board of Education meetings, agendas, minutes or special accommodations needed for attending meetings, contact Mary Ann Miller, Policy Advisor, at (502) 564-3141.

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